

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:	09/859,701	:	Examiner:	Foster, Christine E.
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Applicant:	Warner, Benjamin P.	:	Confirmation No.:	4132
Docket No.:	60184.24	:	Customer No.:	27128
Title:	METHOD FOR DETECTING BINDING EVENTS USING MICRO-X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETRY			

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 23, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2009, entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.